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22nd. . . . . Arrived at Dindigul this day, & take
the necessary measures for publishing the Proclamation of Govern-
ment, having previously waited upon the Collector —

23d. . . . . This morning Mr. Wynch transferred
to me the Charge of the Collections agreable to the Orders
of Government.—

This day employed in making the necessary
arrangements preparatory to the arrival of Captain Macleod.—

Captain William Macleod arrived this
Evening & the Committee immediately met.—

24th. . . . . Informed myself of the nature of the
Balances outstanding & into Consideration the best means f
their Recovery.—

25th. . . . . Dispatched the following Letter to the
Board of Revenue.—

Revenue Depart

To Edward Saunders Esqr.
President &c. Members
of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen.

I have the honor to inform you that
temporary Charge of this District has devolved upon me
in pursuance of the Orders of Government of the 3d. Inst

I am Gentn. &ca.

Dindigul
25th. June 1796.

(Signed)

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Application is made to me by a Peon from the Tookerydar of Tullynar, Mahomed Ally Beg for an answer to a Letter brought by him to Mr. Wynch about ten days since. —

Having referred to the Records I find that the Letter alluded to complained of one Moottun & his followings having committed Depredations in the Daroporam District, & afterwards taken shelter in the Verapatchee Pollam, & requiring that he, his family & followers may be delivered up –

It appears that Mr. Wynch applied – to the Poligar of Verapatchee for the Person of Moottun, who was delivered up, & is now on the Rock, & that a Letter was written to the Right Hon'ble the Governor on the 13th. Instant referring Copy of the Letter of the Tookerydar, & requesting Orders for the disposal of Moottun – to which no answer has been Received –

That the Peon may be no longer delayed he is despatched with a Letter of which the following is Copy –

To Mahomed Ally Beg
Tookery dar of Tullynar

I arrived here three days ago from the Huzzoor & found two of your Peons waiting who had brought a letter from you dated the 8th Instant. I wish you had Received =

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Received an earlier answer - the Subject of your Letter I find has
referred by Mr. Wynch for the Orders of Government & as soon as
answer arrives I will write to you the Contents - in the mean ti
I am to inform you that Moottun is here in Confinement & I
doubt not Government will give proper orders for the Dispos
of him & all such like Offenders. —

(Signed) Wm. Harringt

Dindigul
25th. June 1796 -

Call upon Appagee Pillah for the imm
diate discharge of the Balance due on account of his R
He promises payment in a day or two, but pleads the la
price of Grain in excuse for delay. —

- With respect to the Balances due from
the other Renters further Enquiry appears necessary before deter
mining on the Subject. -

Regarding the Balances due from the
Poligars it is deemed expedient to defer for the present the de
of them lest they should misconceive the object of Governm
in appointing the Committee, & be deterred from attendance a
Dindigul - after they Poligars have been induced to attend th
Committee there is little doubt entertained that they will
readily discharge their arrears. —

26th. In order that some part of Every day
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may be appropriated to hearing Complaints two Hours - from four to six every Evening - is allotted for this Special purpose, of which - public Notice is ordered to be given. -

The Subject of the Customs will come under Consideration as soon as the necessary Information on the Subject can be obtained. -

27th. .... Some of the answers received from the Poligars to the Summons to attend the Committee being of an Evasive tendency, they are again written to, & required to be more specific, naming an Early day for their attendance

A Petitioner named Ramin Naique a Bullock Maestre Complains of having lost two Bullocks employed in bringing Grain for the public Stores; they were Stolen, he says near the Village of Sedincotah, & that as Sawmy Moodely - (Colo. Cuppage's Dubash) had promised to indemnify him for any loss he might incur in the Service for which he - was Engaged he looked to him (Sawmy Moodelly) for the - value of the Bullocks - on being asked if any written agreement passed, he replies in the negative; Sawmy Moodelly is Sent for, & questioned on the Subject but he positively denies any promise, or agreement of the nature mentioned by the Complainant - on enquiry it being found that the Village where the theft was Committed is in the Cawelly of the Poligar of Cunniavaudy the Petitioner is told that when the Poligar attends here he will be spoken to on the Subject. -

Received:

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Received a Malabar Petition from a Mer-
chant named Soobramanea Chetty; Complaining of his Bro-
ther having been plundered in the Yerracotah Pollam -

The Cudjan is ordered to be translate[d]
and the Petitioner to attend another day -

Sent the following Letter to Mr. Wyn[ch]

Sir

I have received the List of Cudjans wh[ich]
you mention to have in your possession - It will be necess[ary]
that these should be sent to me, & I will trouble you to ma[ke]
out another list stating opposite the date of each Cudjan
the receipt thereof, & in what part of your Diary, or -
proceedings the Subject is referred to -

I am
Sir &c.
(Signed) Wm. Haringt[on]

27th. June 1796 -

28th. Received the following Letter from M[r.]
Wynch. —

To William Harington Esqr.
Collector &c. -

Sir

I have the Honor to send you the Cad[jans]
Required in your letter of yesterdays date. they a[re]
refered to in the Diary on the days Corresponding to
those -

those mentioned in the accompanying List Stating when Received – I likewise Enclose an Original letter from Makotasum & the declaration of Comorsaumy Chetty & Narrain Doss's Gomastah; No 6. Marked thus (x) is mislayed I will Endeavour to find it or furnish You with a Malabar Copy which I took at the time

The Roysum will deliver to you all the Remaining Cadjans. –

I have the Honor to be
Sir
your Obedient Servant
(Signed) George Wynch

Dindigul
28th. June 1796 –

No 1. Letter from Valaid naigue received the 25. January 1795.
2 Do. ... Do. ... Do. ... D ... 15th. February
3 Copy of Declaration from Vydee Iyen Received the 16th Ditto
4 Letter from Valaid naigue dated 25. Sept Received the 8th Octr. 95
5 Do. ... D. ... D. 7th. Octr. Received the 13th.
×6 Declaration from Teroovavenurgoody Received the 26. Novr. 95
7 Representation from Rengien Iyagoody Vakeel Recd. the 11. Decr.
8 - 2 Representations from Valaid naigue's Mother Recd the 26 Decr.
Account Particulars of the Joyes &c taken from Baldamoo= dram in possession of Cundapilly Sumpretty – }
9 Declaration from Sanawpaty Pilly Iyagoody Sumpretty } Recd the
10 - Do. ... from Chockaling Moodelly Iyagoody Gomastah } 30 Decr.
11 Do. ... from Vencatun, Oabala Coondiung Parea Cootty Tumby Recd. the 4th. January 1796 }
12 Letter from Valaid Naigue dated & Recd. 4th. January –

Declaration –

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No.

13 Declarations from Sawmy Moodelly, Shashagery Row & Sumna- Codoo Received the 4th January

14 Declaration from Sawminien Iyengar's Vakeel Recd. the 5th Janua

15 Declaration from Valaid Naigue Recd. the 6th January

16 Ditto from Saudooboy dated 22d. Received the 27th January

17 Ditto from Sungoo Moorty dated the 21 Recd. the 27th Ditto

18 Ditto from Curtoory Rengien Gomastah to Yerracotah Poligar dated the 22d. Recd. the 27th January

19 Counter part of Mortgage Bond from Vella Condan Naigue Poligar of Yerreyodoo to Captn. Oliver dated 1st June 95 Received the 27th January 1796

20 Declaration from Sawmy Chetty dated the 22 Recd. the 29th Jan

21 Ditto from Edoomba Sawmynad Pandauram dated 22d. Recd.

22 Ditto from Subbarroy Chetty dated the 28th Recd. the 29th Jan

23 Ditto from Shanmoogum dated the 22d. Recd. the Ditto

24 Ditto from Chinnia Pundauram Ditto Recd. Ditto

25 Ditto from Naugoor Rahvettun dated the 28th Recd. Ditto

26 Ditto from Ismall Rahvetter Ditto Ditto

27 Ditto from Caunummaul Ditto Ditto

28 Ditto from Parea Meerah Ravaten Ditto Ditto

29 Ditto from Trevangoody

30 Ditto from Iyamootoo dated the 28 Recd. the 29th Jan

31 Ditto from Shahemeerah Rahvettun dated the 22d. Recd.

32 Ditto from Mahomed Cawny dated the 28th Recd. the Ditto

33 Ditto from Lingum Monegar Recd. the 30th

34 Ditto from Anunndrow dated the 25th Janul. Recd. the 2

Declaration

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No.
35 Declaration from Mootia Moodely dated & Recd the 2d February
36 - Ditto ... from Valaud Naique dated the 27th Recd the 28th March 96
37 - Ditto ... from Vencatum ... Do the 29th Do the 30 - Do
38 - Do ... from Doaddaleayun Do ... Do
39 - Do ... from Chinna Vencatum Do ... Do
40 - Do ... from Reddy ... Do ... Do
41 - Do ... from Cotty Tumbey ... Do ... Do
42 - Do ... from Sawminim Iyengar's man Recd Early in January 96
43 Representation from Madoor Polygar Received from Amildar on the 25th May 1796 ...

Original Account from Do

44 - Representation from the Head Inhabitants of Pylney Received the 1st June 96 ...

Dindigul 28th June 1796 - (Signed) George Wynch

Received the following Letter from Lieut Oliphant. -

Manapar 28th June 1796 -

Dear Sir

Understanding that the temporary management of the Dindigul Districts has devolved on you; I beg leave to call your attention to the following complaint prefered by the Merchants who accompany this -

They -

They are Inhabitants of Elingarcoorchy in this District; Vellacondup Naick the Poligar of Yerreadoo (the same person whom I mentioned to you, as authorising frequent robberies) had lately established a market at Mangarimpetty one of his Villages and invited amongst others, the Merchants of Elingarcoorchy to bring their goods there for sale - Those accompanying the bearer had been twice at the market and as they were returning the third time with the amount of their sales and some few articles they had purchased; They were assaulted by ten armed Men, close to one of Vellacondapa Naick's Villages who wounded one of them severely with a pique, and three others slightly, and robbed them of every thing they had - They estimate their loss at 46 P. N. Pagodas ten Chuckrum fanams - the bearer will deliver the account on a Cadjan as they gave it to me and the Merchants say that if required they will take the necessary Oaths at the Pagoda.

Vellacondapa Naigue has become so notorious for his depredations on passengers, that the Natives are afraid to pass near his Pollam, and I will esteem myself much obliged by your requiring him to make an adequate compensation to these people for their losses. It was an invariable rule in the Nabobs Government and the only one which seems to have been dictated by true policy; to make

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the head Polygar answerable for every robbery committed in his Pollam. —

A severe cold obliges me to go to Trichinopoly for a few days. but I hope to be back before you will pass this on your return. —

I am Dear Sir

yours very Obedient

(Signed) W. Oliphant

The Complainants are desired to give in the list of the articles lost & informed that Measures will be taken to afford them redress should their Complaint be found well grounded. —

Received the following Letter from — Government. —

Revenue Department

To Mr. William Harington

Sir

We have received three Letters from Mr. G. Wynch, under dates the 2nd 10th & 14th Instant, upon which we defer any determination till favored with your — Sentiments on the different Subjects contained therein. —

We=

We enclose for your information and Guidance Copy of a Letter to Government under date the 25th March last wherein we recommended that Condia Naigue should be invested with the Pollam of Aumenaignoor & that Moodie Vencata Naigue should be appointed to the Pollam of Iyagoody. We proposed also that the new Sunnuds should be issued to the Successors to those Pollams as a measure Calculated to pave the way to their general introduction in July next. Government in their Reply (Extract from which is herewith enclosed) having acquiesced in this proposions We desire that you will carry them into immediate effect — It will however be previously necessary to ascertain How far the fixed Summah proposed by Mr. Wynch for these Pollams may be just and to report your opinion to us — We suppose Mr. Wynch had ascertained the Cavelly fees collected by each Poligar to make the Proposed improvements in the Sunnids as directed in our Letter to him of the 6th May 1795. —

— We have also received a Letter from Mr. Wynch under date the 10th Instant forwarding the Sequel of Mr. Stodart's Report, but as we Consider the Points to which it has reference connected with the Investigation instituted by Government it requires no comment from us: —

We are
Sir
Your most Obedient ...

Fort St. George
23d June 1796

(Signed) Chas. N White
Tho. Cochburn

Exd. JWare

Mr. Harington will take Occasion hereafter to reply to this Letter.

Revenue Department

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart
Governor in Council

My Lord

Having Received in October last a letter from Mr. Wynch informing us of the death of Cadery Marque Poligar of Auminaegumnoor, and that the Established usage of the Pollam for many years past prohibited the son from Succeeding to his father, directing the line of Succession to the first Cousin in the male line we called upon the Collector to ascertain, and report from what period this practice had prevailed, which appeared so inconsistent with the general rules of Succession and inheritance established throughout the Country. —

In reply Mr. Wynch acquainted us that he had not been able to procure any documents by which he could ascertain the period from which the sons of the Poligars had been excluded. but that it was generally understood about 200 years and he had traced it back for 12 Successions observing however he was induced to believe the spirit of

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the Law meant that no minor should Succeed, and that a brother is not excluded, provided he be senior in point of age to the Cousin and in consequence of the perplexity in which the subject was involved by Mr. Wynch and the apparent injustice of confining the line of Succession to the Cousin in prejudice of the son contrary to the Rights of inheritance laid down in the written laws of the Hindoos, we transmitted some queries to Mr. Wynch, and desired he would furnish a Copy thereof to each Poligar in the District, requiring a written answer to each query - their answers transmitted by Mr. Wynch are enclosed herewith, by which it would appear that the Succession has devolved to the Cousin for a long time past and as Conia Naigue has been according to this usage considered the heir to the Pollam of Aumanaigum, and as any alteration at this Period may in the opinion of the Collector be productive of trouble we recommend that he be confirmed in the Succession and should your Lordship think it expedient to discontinue this practice in future that it be done by our order promulgated under your authority. —

We have the honor to lay before your Lordship another letter from Mr. Wynch reporting the Death of the Sagoody Poligar and as Moodie Vencata Naigue was not only the Choice of the late Poligar, but as the nearest of kin, and no objection being stated against

against him, we beg leave to recommend that a Sunned be grant=ed appointing him to the Pollam, and we shall with your Lordship's permission take this opportunity of requiring the Successors to those Pollams to execute the Proposed Sun=ned, which will pave the way to their general introduction in July next.—

We have the honor to be
My Lord,
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
(Signed) Edward Saunders
& E. Members.

Exd T Ware

(A true Copy) W. Smith
Actg Depy Secy.

Extract of a Letter from Government
Dated 10th April 1796.

As it appears from the testimony of all the Poligars consulted by the Collector at Dindigul that the Succession has gone for many years to the cousin, — we concur in your recommendation in favor of Condia Naig, and direct that he be confirmed in the Pollam of Am=menaignoor. —

Though this practice is contrary to our own ideas of inheritance yet being long established and un=
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unattended with any public inconvenience, we are not aware of any good grounds for discontinuing it. —

Under the Circumstances stated in your letter, we concur in your recommendation for the appointment of Moodie Vencata Naique to the Pollam Iyagoody and we approve your intention of requiring the Successor to execute the new Muchelcas. —

A true Extract -

(Signed) H Smith
Actg. Depy. Secy.

Exd. W Mare

Dispatched the following Letter
~~to the Right Honble Lord Hobart~~

Revenue Depart.

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart.
Governor in Council

My Lord

Under date the 13th Instant Mr. Wynch referred to your Lordship a Representation from Mahomed Ally Beg Tookerydar of Tallanar in the Darapooram District apprizing you at the same time that Mootun the Person

therein =

therein named is confined on the Rock of Dindigul, & applying for your orders respecting his Disposal –

I request to be informed whether it is your Lordship's pleasure in the Event of the guilt of this man being ascertained as far as Circumstances will admit that he should be delivered over to Mohomed ally Beg together with his Family, & those of his followers who may be apprehended & if not what answer it is your wish should be put to the Toshery dar.

I have the Honor to be
My Lord
&ca
(Signed) Wm Harrington

Dindigul
28th June 1796 –

29th .... Sent the following Letter Lieut Colonel Cuppage –

To Lieut Colol Cuppage

Sir

As I am not aware of [illegible] occasion for the Guard Stationed at Cumbum bein[illegible]ued, I request

To what points examined —

No. 27. 28. 29 —	Respecting Villaida naigue's treatment when he was taken. To prove the delivery of the Joyes &c.a to Arnauchellum and Pareen — To prove Captain Oliver used the threat of the Board of Revenues displeasure to enforce payment from Villaida naigue — & Mr Cochburn's name in particular. —
No. 30. 32. 33 34. 35 —	Respecting the punishment of the Vakeels
No. — 31 —	to ascertain his declaration — P
No. 32. 33. 34	Respecting Cunneyvaudey and Iyagoody, Q and R
100. 101 102 103	To prove Mr Stodart sent his own Peons to Comboy the appointment of Servants ...

To what points examined.

No 60. 61. 62	——	Respecting a Bond passed in October 1793 to Captain Oliver **f**
No 63. 61. 65 66. 67. 68 69. 70. 71 72. 73. 74 75		Respecting the insanity of the Chockamputty Poligar and the Tyagoody Succession. ——
No ---- 76	------	To prove his declaration **g**
No ---- 78	------	To prove his declaration **i**
No --- 79	------	Respecting his appointment to the Pollam of Tyagoody & to prove Cadjan — Copy **K**
No --- 80	------	To prove declaration **l**

Examination of Palaney Poligar –

To what points examined

No.

17 - - - - - - - To prove that Vencatouchellum and Captain Oliver's Servants had said Vellouda naigue was taken on account of his private debts —
To prove the truth of his Gomastah's declaration Respecting his length of Service as Tahsil of Yerra Cottah —

19. 26. 25 - - - - - - Respecting the mortgage of 12 Villages in Yerryodoo to Captain Oliver

2 - - - - - - - To prove the declarations from C to I inclusive were given by his Consent and the Contents true — that he was plundered — and disgraced — threatened with loss of his Pollam if he did not pay his debts — Mr Cochburn's name used declaration J was given by his order — accounts KL were just — Cadjan's M and N were sent by his order — Trevangoody was delivered up when he signed his Bonds in November 1794, — that he gave Muchelga for the safety of Teroovangoody's person — to prove the Copy of it O —
Respecting the Iagoody Succession

23. 24. 25. 26	To prove Vencatauchellum made himself Responsible for 1000 Rupees paid by Tomba Gour to Mr Wynch's Servants —
25. 26	To prove Poojaury naigue went with Mr Wraugham to Paracolum
108	That Gopia naigue attended also
108	That Gopia naigue mortgaged the Village of Conway pitty for part of a Sum borrowed of which Vencatauchellum Received 1000 Chuckrums
	That Tomba Gour Repaid Vencatauchellum —
	Respecting an Horse given to Vasoo Pilly
108	Respecting their transactions with Vencatauchellum and Colonel Oliver. —

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No 80. 81. 82 83 84 85 86. 87 88 89. 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97	Respecting the Jagoody Succession – the performance of the Funeral Obsequies of the old Poligar – and the allegiance sworn by the present to the deceased Poligar. —
No 99 107	Respecting the Claim of Veerapatchee on Cumnwaudy;
No 104	To prove m. n. o to be the hand writing of Makoostasum —
No 105 106.	Respecting a present of Gold Rings made to Gopaulkistna Iyen
No 108	To prove Cadjans (Copied) q r s —

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No. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42 — Respecting Jagoodly Succession **R**

No. 39. 42. 43. 44. 45. 55 — Respecting Madoor and Marnoot **STU**

No. 42 — Respecting the Transactions of Vencatauchellum —

No. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 77 — To prove their different declarations Respecting Captain Oliver's Conduct **VWXYZ** a.b.c.d.e.h.

No. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62 — to prove the time Trivangoodly was delivered to Vellaulu naigue —

you will be pleased to withdraw it as soon as possible. —

The Committee requiring the attendance of the late Poligar of Pylney in confinement on the Rock I am to request the favor of you to send him under a proper Escort between 10 & 11 O'Clock this forenoon —

I am
Sir
your Obedient Servant
(Signed) Wm Harington

Dindigul
29th June 96 —

Received the following Letter from Lieut Coll. Cuppage. —

William Harington Esqr

Sir

I received your Letter of this day, and agreeable to your desire the guard stationed at Cumbum, shall be withdrawn with as little delay as possible.

Vellaidy Naig late Poligar of Pylney now in confinement, shall be sent to the Committee between the hours of ten & eleven o'Clock this forenoon, agreeable to your requisition with a proper escort.

The Poligar has never been put in Irons

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by me, as it is not Customary without a special order from Major General Floyd, he being a state prisoner.—

I have the Honor to be
Sir
your most Obedient
humble Servant

(Signed) J. Cuppage
Lieut. Coll. Commg.

Dindigul
29th June 1796.

July 2d. Received the following Letter from Governt.

Revenue Department.

To Mr. William Harington

Sir

Since our Letter to you of the 23d Instant, We have received an address from Mr. Wynch under date the 21st Instant regarding the payment of the Yerreyadoo & Nellah Cotah Tribute - the mode of Management to be adopted for the sequestered Pollam of Sundiyoor & the Cumbum Talook & enclosing a Comparative Statement of Servants for Phaselly 1205 & 1206 - On these points we shall wait your Report previous to taking them into Consideration.—

We

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We are,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servants

Fort St. George (signed) { Edward Saunders
28th June 1796 Chas. N. White
Thos. Cockburn

Exd. J. Ware

The Subject of this Letter will be hereafter replied to. –

4th . . . . Sent the following Letter to the Board of Revenue. –

To Edward Saunders Esqr.
President &c. Members
of the Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

Gentlemen

I have been favored with your Letter of the 23d. & 28th. Ultimo to which due attention shall be paid –

As the close of the present Fusly approaches I request to call your attention to the next years Settlement:

Settlement with the Poligars I am aware how much it is the wish of Government & of your Board to fix a permanent Peshcash, but from Circumstances which have come to the knowledge of the Committee in regard to the state of the District I have no hesitation in giving it as my opinion that we do not yet possess the requisite Information on which to found a perminent Settlement, neither can it be obtained but from a more attentive local Investigation than appears to have hitherto taken place. It is the intention of the Committee in compliance with the Orders of Government to report upon the general state of the District, to furnish such Information with respect to the Pollams as they may be enabled to procure which they trust will be found sufficiently accurate to afford a foundation for more particular Enquiry. Under these Circumstances & adverting to the great Distrust which is so strongly manifested by all the Poligars but three having as yet attended on the Committee I am induced to recommend that only the Present Peshcash be required for the next Phusily. To demand a Temporary Increase would produce comparatively but a very trifling additional Revenue to the Company, which, I conceive, should not for a moment be put in competition with the desirable object under present Circumstances of conciliating the minds=

minds of this Class of People & inspiring them with Confi=
dence in the Companys Government. —

I have no doubt that these Poligars —
would more readily accede to that proportion of Increase
upon their present Peshcash which may be determined on
proper Investigation, whatever it may be, if assured of its —
permanency than to any temporary Increase under the —
uncertainty of the future demands of Government - I am
therefore confirmed in the good Policy of Continuing the pre=
sent Peshcash till a permanent Settlement can be Esta=
blished as any intermediate fluctuation would tend to keep
alive that mistrust which it is of the first importance
to dissipate. —

With respect to the Sunneds I would re=
commend that they should be conformable to the Enclosed —
draft, which differs from that formerly approved by —
Government for the intended permanent Peshcush in the
two first Paragraphs only where it is adapted to the propos
ed temporary Settlement

I am
Sir
&ca
(Signed) W.m Harington

Dindegul
4th July 1796.

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5th .... The following proclamation directed to be published in the Pylney District the late Amildar Trivangoody having been put in confinement.

Proclamation

To the Monygars Concopalies Ryots &ca of the Pylney District you are hereby informed that Trivangoody the late Amildar of Pylney being removed is now confined at Dindigul & that there is no Amildar or any Person at Present authorized to Collect the Revenue — all persons therefore are directed to stop the payment of their Rents till an other Ammildar be appointed by the Sircar whose name will be Published to the Ryots by a Sunned & Proclamation — In the interim you will obey no orders but such as you may receive from me —

(Signed) Wm Harrington

Dindigul
5th July 1796 —

Received the following Letter from the Board of Revenue —

Revenue Department

To Mr. William Harrington

Sir

We enclose for your Information Extract of a Letter from Government under date the 25th. Ultimo respecting Tomboo Gounden upon which we request your Sentiments. —

We take this occasion to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 25th. Ultimo notifying your having taken the temporary charge of the Dindigul District pursuant to the Orders of Government. —

We are,
Sir
Your most Obedient Se

Fort St. George
1st. July 1796
Exd. Geo. Stratton

(Signed) Edward Saunders.
Chas. N. White
Thos. Cockburn

Extract of a Letter from Government.
Dated 25th. June 1796

We do not think it adviseable that up Mr. Wynch's representation the Collector at Dindigu should be authorized to communicate with Tomboo Gounde Mr. Harington will of course make known any circum

stances

circumstances regarding him, which may be necessary — for our information —

(A true Extract)

Comp. G.L.

(Signed) A Smith
Act. Dep. Sect.

6th. Sent the following Cowle to Gopia Naique, late Poligar of Sundayoor —

To Gopia Naique

In consequence of your Message I send you this Cowle of protection that you may repair to the Hussoor to represent what you to State. —

Dindigul
6th July 1796 —

7th. Sent the following Letter to Government

To Edward Saunders Esqr.
President & ca. Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen

I have been favored with the receipt

of —

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of your Letter of the 1st Instant & from the Information I have received regarding Tomboo Goundew I have no hesitation in offering it as my decided opinion & recommendation that his Person should be secured with the least possible delay -

Captain Macleod authorizes me to say that he has been long intimately acquainted with the character & conduct of this man - that he has been in the habit of committing depredations & Enormities of the most atrocious nature in the District of Coimbatore belonging to Tippo Sultaun since the year 1792 - that he leads an itinerant life with a Number of armed followers in his pay residing in general with the Poligars of the Dindigul District & supporting himself by Plunder chiefly in Tippo's Country - These facts are confirmed by all the Information which has come to my knowledge & there is reason to believe that besides the depredations committed immediately under his own directions, he Employs Deputies for the same purpose, who have been the cause of the frequent Complaints made by Tippo's Amildars of the Districts bordering on those Pollams - A recent Instance has occurred in corroboration of this opinion A man by the name of Moottun entered the Darapuram District from Vetapatche with several Followers, & having plundered a Village the Amildar made application to Mr. Wynch

to-

to deliver him up as one of the Dependents of Tomboo Gounden - The Poligar of Virapatchee was in consequence applied to, & he surrendered the man a Prisoner -

Under all the foregoing Circumstances I think it will appear that to allow a Person of the character & description of Tomboo Gounden, (who is moreover represented to be of a most cruel nature) to find shelter among the Poligars under the Company's Government is highly impolitic not only as affording strong grounds of Jealousy on the part of Tippo from whose Dominions he was expelled but from considerations of Humanity as well as of preserving Order in our own Territories -

If I recollect right Government issued an order in 1794 prohibiting all Subjects of the Company's Government from giving Shelter to this man, but I do not find it among the Records of this Station, & it certainly never has been Enforced here -

Tomboo Gounden is now, I understand, with the Poligars of Ramgerry belonging to Trichinopoly & under Mr. Powney -

I am
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Wm. Harington

Dindigul
7th July 1796.

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12th .... The Renters of the Circar Tallooks being in general considerable in arrear tho' forewarned that their Farms would be resumed if they did not attend at Dindigul with their Cowles at the close of the Fasly year, & discharge all Balances against them, they are reminded of the Consequences of further delay. —

The following rates of Exchange are settled for receipt of the Balances for Fasly 1205 Vizt. For a Star Pagoda $\frac{F^{s}}{17}$.. 4 $^{d.}$ for a P. N. Pagoda 14 $^{Ch.}$ .. 10 $^{a.}$ for a Pondicharry Rupee — 5 $^{Ch.}$ .. 4 $^{a.}$ ———

14th .... Sent the following Letter

Revenue Department

To Mr. Secy. R Lushington
acting Secretary to the Board
of Revenue.

Sir

You will herewith Receive Register of Bills for last Month - and the first Bill of Exchange for 3000 S Pags. drawn by the Paymaster on the Military Paymaster General, in favor of the Board of Revenue

I am Sir
&ca
(Signed) Wm. Harington
R. D.

Dindigul
14th. July 1796

To Mr. Robt. Woolf
Accountant General

Sir

Sir

You will herewith Receive Copy of a Bill of Exchange dated the 8th Instant for 3000 S Pags. drawn by the Paymaster on the Military Paymaster General in favor of the Board of Revenue. —

I am Sir
&ca

Dindigul
14th July 1796 —

(Signed) Wm. Harington

23 .... Received the following Letters from the Board of Revenue. —

Revenue Department.

To Wm. William Harington
Sir

Having laid before Government your Letter of the 4th Instant respecting the Settlement with the Poligars for the present year, We now transmit for your Guidance Copy of our Letter to Government with their reply on the Subject. —

We are Sir
Your most Obedient Servants

Fort St. George
19th July 1796 —

(Signed) { Chas. N White
Thos. Cockburn

Exd. Geo. Stratton

To

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Revenue Department

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart
Governor in Council

My Lord,

We have the honor to lay before your Lordship Copy of a Letter with its Enclosures from Mr. Harington and for the reasons he has stated we recommend that the present Peishcush only be required from the Dindigul Poligars for the ensuing Fusly commencing on the 12th Instant In that time a complete investigation of their resources may be made and a permanent Summ be assessed as suggested by Mr. Harington - The draft of Sunned forwarded by him appears to be proper, should your Lordship approve of the proposed Temporary Settlement. —

We have the honor to be
My Lord,
Your most Obedient humble Servants,
(signed) Edward Saunders
&ca. Members -

Fort St. George
11th July 1796 -

Extract of a Letter from Government
dated 16th July 1796.

We acquiesce in the recommendation

of -

of Mr. Harington for continuing the Settlement of the Dindigul Polygar Peishcush upon the terms of the preceding year and approve the draft of the Sunnuds which he has submitted to us. —

(True Extracts)

(Signed) R. Lushington
actg Secy.

26th. . . . . . . Received the following Letter from Mr. Hughes.

To William Harington Esqr.

Dindigul

Sir

I request you will do me the favour of informing me as early as convenient, whether you can supply me with the whole, or what part of Star Pagodas 6,700 for the Disbursements of my office in the ensuing month. —

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) Robt. Hughes
Paymr.

Madura
24th. July 1796.

Informed =

Informed Mr Hughes in reply that 3000 Pagodas could be advanced from this Treasury.

August 13th. Received the following Letter from Mr Hughes

To William Harington Esqr.

Members of the Board of Revenue In Deputation to Dindigul

Sir

The Estimate of my Disbursments for the ensuing Month amounting to about Pagodas 7,500. I have to beg the favour of being acquainted as early as Convenient what part of it you will be in Cash to provide me with.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) Robt Hughes
Paymr.

Madura
10th August 1796

Informed Mr Hughes that 3,500 Pagodas would be advanced from this Treasury.

On the 1st Instant Kistniah, a Person from the Salem District was sent to the Maroor Pallam to investigate into the Curnum accounts, & to report the Collec-

tors-

Collectors, & outstanding Balances for Fusly 1205 - having returned from that duty he is now dispatched as Aumildar to Cumbum, to relieve Goinda Row, who is called down to be appointed Aumildar to the Cusbah division - Kistniahs Pay to take date from the 1st Instant. —

Several of the Renters of the Circar Tallooks being still considerably in arrear tho' a Months indulgence has been allowed them, orders are issued for resuming their farms, & for securing all their grain & property which can be found in their Villages. —

18th The following is Copy of the Orders of Government to the Committee at Dindigul.

To William Harington Esqr.
and to the Committee of Investigation
at Dindigul

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council, to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 26th Ultimo and to acquaint you, that for the reasons you have assigned his Lordship has come to the resolution of dispossessing the Poligar of Yerreadoo of his Pollam; and of apprehending his person, and that

of

of this Predaunee; I enclose for your information Copy of the Letter that has been written in consequence to Major General Floyd. —

The President in Council approves your intention of issuing a Proclamation declaring tha[t] the Yerreadoo Pollam, is sequestered for ever - but recom- mends that it be not done, untill the Persons of the — Poligar, and his Predaunee, have been secured, or at least, untill the attempt to secure them shall have — been made -

I am
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Serv[t]

Fort St. George
4th August - 1796 -

(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Secretary

Copy

To Major General Floyd
Commanding the southern Division of the ar[my]
at Trichinop[oly]

Sir

The Committee at Dindigul having represented to the Right Honble the President in Council that the contumacious conduct of Villacondapah naig[ue] the Poligar of Yerreadoo, rendered it indispensably nec[es]sary, as well for the sake of example as to Provide

for -

for the Peace of the District, that his Pollam should be sequestered and himself and Predaunee secured, I am directed by his Lordship to desire that you would be pleased in conjunction with the Committee, to take such measures as may be most effectual for apprehending the person of the Poligar, and his Minister Vencata Soobiah. It would be of Consequence to Secure this Subject without affording an opportunity to the offenders, to make any resistance that might hazard the Loss of Lives -

I am further directed to desire you will send Luckia Naigue, who is now in confinement at Trichinopoly, under a Guard to Vellore -

I am, Sir
Your Most obedient Servt
(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Secretary

Fort St. George
4th. August 1796.

True Copy
(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Secretary -

In consequence of the above Orders a detachment proceeded against the Pollam on the 18th. (this date) - The Poligar & his Predaunee, however, escaped; - but the District

was -

was taken possession of without resistence —

The following Proclamation was immediately published in the Pollam. —

Proclamation

Be it known to all the Inhabitants of this Pollam, of Errore, that in consequence of the refractory conduct of the late Poligar, Vella Condum Naigue, in having disobeyed the orders of the Circar — in having witheld the Payment of his Kists — & in having been guilty of many outrages in his Country, & of Robberies on the High way. He has been dispossessed of his District by the Circars Troops & it is hereby proclaimed to all People, that it is for ever Sequestered, & forfeited to the Honble Company & that the late Poligar will never be allowed to return to it, but that he, Vella Condama Naigue, & his Predaunee, Vencata Soobiah, are for ever expelled the Honble Company's District — & all Poligars, Renters & Ryots are positively forbid from giving either of them shelter on the Penalty of the severest Punishment, & if any Poligar shall be found to have disobeyed this order he will be deprived of his Pollam for ever —

(Signed) Wm. Harrington

18th August 1796.

Copies of this Proclamation sent to all the —

the Poligars. —

19th. Orders issued for cutting away the Jungle leading to the Village of Ayaloor in the Yerrayadoo Pollam, which the Polygar retired to as his strong Hold — in two or three directions - also to destroy some Houses or Hats which were inhabited by the Poligars Peons —

Condium Marque appointed Aumildar to the late Yerryadoo Pollam as well as to the Resumed Pollams of Suchumputty (which adjoins) & Madoor & directed as soon as Possible to ascertain from the Inhabitants if they are willing to enter into a Village Settlement at the proper Season - in December —

As an experiment, to ascertain what the Customs would produce in Rent notice was given at Dindigul & up the Valley of the intention to let them out in Seperate farms for one year, commencing with the 12th. July & in Consequence, the following offers were made & after particular Enquiry accepted. —

Renters:

Rusba Sair	3000	To Samy Moodelier & Teelnaigue Pilla	Security Chocknum Chetty & Arasheecurce Vira Pilla
Battlegoonta Ditto	216	To Sam Naud Pilla	Umaioorwaggum Pilla
Andiputty Ditto	200	To Veid Linga Pilla	Keelmungle Vencateshiah
Ullamapollam Ditto	1350	To Comia Pilla & Muttoo Pilla	Coottiah Pilla & Shamia Pilla
Cumbum Ditto	500		
	5266		
Pylney Ditto	1700	Sawmy Moodely	Securities Ramiah, Pylney Andeah Cawly & Murdah
	6966		

Received =

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28th Received the following Letters from the Board of Revenue —

Revenue Department

To Mr. William Harington

Sir

(Circular)

The Board desire that you will immediately make known by public Advertisement that all duties whatever upon the importation and transit of Cotton and Cotton thread are abolished throughout your Districts. —

I am

Sir

Your most obedient Servt.

(signed) R Lushington
Actg. Secy.

Fort St. George
22nd. August 1796.
Exd. JH

Revenue Department

To Mr. William Harington

at

Dindigul

Sir

Sir

(Circular)

You will be pleased to Transmit with as little delay as possible after the 31st Instant, a Statement of Cash in hand that day, together with an estimate of your probable receipts and disbursments for the months of September, October, November and December following. —

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servt.
(Signed) R Lushington
actg. Secy.

Fort St. George
24th. August 1796.
Exd. GS -

The advertisement directed is ordered to be published - & the statement desired will be forwarded when the necessary Information is obtained -

September - - 3rd. - - - - - - Received the following Letter from Lieut. Colonel Oliver. —

William Harington Esqr.
Collector &ca. &ca.

Sir=

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I furnished the Amildar by requisition this day with one Naique & six Sepoys to accompany him to Kirranoor –

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obedient –
humble Servant
(signed) James Oliver
Lieut. Colo. Comm.

Pylney
September 2d. 1796 –

Sent the following answer to the
Oliver. –

To Lieut. Colo. Oliver
Comm. at Pylney

Sir

I am just now favored with your Letter of the 2d. Instant advising me that you had furnished the Amildar by requisition with one Naique & six Sepoys to accompany him to Kirranoor – In reply I have to observe that the Amildar had no authority from me to make such requisition & I shall punish him for his Conduct – & I must at the same time request that you will not Comply

with –

with any future application of a similar nature —
without a Letter from me on the Subject. —

I am
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
(Signed) Wm. Harington

Dindigul
3d. September
1796.

The Amildar is fined 12 Rupees
for his conduct. —

5th. . . . . . Received the following Letter from
Lieut. Colo. Oliver. —

William Harington Esqr.
Collector &ca. &ca.

Sir
I am favored with your Letter of the
3d. Instant, & think it necessary to inform you, that
I had formerly been applied to by the Collector to
furnish the Amildar upon requisition with such Guar[ds]
as he may require —
Absent from this Station for som[e]
time, I did not learn upon my return, that the
mode of application had been altered. —

I am Sir
Your Obedient Servant
(signed) James Oliver
Lieut. Col. Commg.

Pylney
September 4th. 1796.

7th. . . . . In consequence of Orders from Government to enquire into the Complaint against Mootun (who had been accused of having Committed Depredations in the Territories of Tippo, & was accused by the Poligar of Verapatchee) & in case of finding him guilty, to deliver him up to Tippos Government, the Necessary Evidences have been examined & his guilt appearing fully Established he is this day Dispatched under a guard to the Daraporam District. —

8th. . . . . Sent the following Letter to Mr. Mitford
A. D.

To Mr. John Mitford
Accountant

Sir

You will herewith receive the accounts

of this Station for June - Also a Comparative Statement of the Moyen Zabitta for 1205 & 1206 Fuslys, which I request you will be pleased to submit to the Board of Revenue -

I am
Sir
&ca

Dindigul
8th September 1796

(Signed) Wm Harington

12th - - - - - - - - Received the following Letter from Mr. Hughes -

William Harington Esqr.
Member of the Board of Revenue
on Deputation at Dindigul

Sir

Requiring about 7,600 Star Pagodas for my disbursements of the ensuing month, I request to be informed as early as convenient, whether you can provide me with the whole or any part of that Sum -

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your very Obedient Servant

Madura
10th September
1796

(Signed) R. W. Hughes
Paymr.

Informed Mr. Hughes that I could supply -

Supply them with 5000 Pagodas at the end of the Month —

Received the following Letters from the Board of Revenue —

Revenue Department

To Mr. William Harington.

Sir

(Circular) When the Board advert to the repeated Orders transmitted respecting the progress of Revenue Assistants in the acquirement of the Country languages, they are concerned at little attention that has been shewn in furnishing the reports required tho' the Orders transmitted to Collectors under Date the 14th & 26th Sept. 94 sufficiently explain of how much importance this Subject is Considered by the Hon'ble Court of Directors and Government —

As it is the intention that those Assistants who have neglected this acquirement should be made to refund the monthly allowance you will on receipt of this Letter offer your Opinion upon the progress of your Assistant and be careful not to omit in future the regular transmission of the report required by

this

the Secretarys letter of the 27 July 1795.—

I am,
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) R Lushington
Secy.

Fort St. George
8th. September 1796
Exd. G.L.

Revenue Department

To Mr. William Harrington

Sir

Circular) I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Copy of amended Instructions for the Culture of the Cochineel to which your particulars attention is required I send also for the same purpose Extract of a Letter from Dr. Anderson pointing out the rapid pro=gress made by the Insect in destroying the plant unless certain measures therein Suggested be taken to prevent it—

The Board are much surprized that you have not yet addressed them upon this Subject, as directed in their letters of the 3d. September 1795 and 9th. February 96 they direct that you report immediately

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upon the receipt of this letter what progress has been made in carrying them into effect. —

I am
Sir
your most Obedient Servant
(Signed) W. R. Lushington
Secy.

Fort St. George
29th August 1796 —
Exd. G.S.

Extract of a Letter from Doctor Anderson
Dated 28th July 1796

By the reports of the Superintendant Your Lordship will Observe - its introduction at some stations in the whole extent of the Coast - but from all that I can learn and especially from my own Observation here, the Insect has Operated as a Compleatt blight to the indigenous Opuntia of which the roots even are as compleatly destroyed, as if effected by Subterranean fire. —

Of this I have had abundant demonstration in the outskirts of my own Garden that in September last when the Insects were first placed there in the extent of about a mile and a half of continued and impenetrable fence consisting of many hundred thousands strong healthy plants they are all now entirely destroyed

and -

and the fence laid open. —

Whether people I employed to Collect the Insects, or the winds have transplanted them, I cannot determine but in a N. E. direction leeward the breed has already advanced through the black Town of Madras as far as Trivatore, a distance of Eight miles and wherever they have gone the plants are so entirely blighted and destroyed that the people who have gardens fearing an attack on their greens and vegetables of different kinds are I am told Cutting the Opuntia out of their hedges on the same principle as a Country is laid waste to prevent the approach of a powerful Enemy. —

This Caution however is altogether unnecessary as the Insect will touch no plant except the indigenous Opuntia but there can be little doubt that in the next monsoon it will Extend as far to the — S. W. as in this Season it has to the N. E. and thus in the Course of 12 months spread over 16 miles of the Country. —

In this view it might be Supposed that any Collection of the Insect in this Neighbourhood was at an end but there I must Observe that upon the plan — recommended by me to Doctor. Ainslie March 24 - the —

people

people I employ have followed the Insect so that on Sater=day last they brought in 9 pounds on Sunday 14th on — Monday 16 on Tuesday 19 and yesterday 23 —

But this great Collection Cannot last long as the Insects must inevitably perish, with the only plant they have been found to live on and here it might be well if every one Could be induced to fol=low up the example of Mr. Torriano — who has made Extensive plantations on the Sandy wastes near the sea shore and Encourages the natives both by precept & and example in a Soil where no other Crop Can be rear=ed and where the Opuntia thrives better than in a field that is fit for Corn. —

As soon as I saw the difficulty of preserving the plants after Insects were placed on them I set out a plantation of 3000 plants at 5 feet asunder but whether from the Carelessness of the people in promis=cuously taking plants from those that had Insects upon them, the intercourse of birds the wafting of winds or perhaps all these Causes of Communication I soon found my young plantation so Compleatly Stocked that eight men Constantly Employed to brush them off were necessary to preserve it an Expence beyond what the Ryots would Readily adopt. —

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The Conclusion that naturally results from these data is, that whatever has yet been done is in=adequate to the preservation of the plants and that plantations should be made in those parts of the Country where the Insect has not yet been introduced —

(A true Extract)
(Signed) Alr. Falconar
Dy. Secy.
(A true Copy)
Geo Stratton
acg. Dy. Secy.

Translate of an Order given to the Mahajanums of Gungavrapulty —

Poojaury, naique, Poligar of Deodanaputty, is Cavaldar of Your Village - if he performs the duties of a Cavaldar, & Secures your Property you will of course pay him the Customary Fees - but if not you will deduct the amount of your Losses occasioned by the non performance of his Duties, & pay him the Balance - If any disputes occur in conse=quence you will refer the Subject to the Circar, and not=

not be the Cause of any disturbances —

(Signed) Wm. Harington

12th. September
1796

A Similar Order was sent to the Mahajanums of Battlegoonta Village who pay watching fees to Pojaury Naique of Diodanaputty & to Golup Naique of Nella Cotah - they also paid fees to the late Poligar of Sundayoor but that Pollam having been Sequestered the Mahajanums are allowed to appropriate them to Support an Establishment for the protection of their own property. —

13th. . . . . Sent the following Letter to the Board of Revenue. —

To Edward Saunders Esqr.
President &ca. Members of the
Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

I yesterday received your two Circular Letters of the 29th. Ultimo - & 8th. Instant. the former upon the Subject of the Cochineal, the latter relative to the progress made by the Assistant to this Station in the Country languages. —

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As the neglect imputed in both of these Letters refers to periods antecedent to my arrival in the District it requires no explanation on my part.

Respecting the Cochineal, having applied to Mr. Wynch relative to the progress made in carrying your former Orders on this Subject in to effect, he replied thus the only Plantation which he had made was that pointed out to me on my arrival at Dindigul. To this Plantation I paid an early visit, & finding it in very unpromising State I gave immediate directions for its improvements, & at the same time ordered it to be Enlarged to double its then extent, which was accordingly done; & it is now in a forward State. but before any Insects are introducted I would recommend that it should be much more advanced, & that other Plantations in different parts of the District should be previously Established, & approaching to maturity that there may be no apprehension of a deficiency of the Opuntia Plant. To Secure this desireable Object I have issued the necessary orders & have also taken measures for Circulating the amended Instructions for the Culture

Culture of the Cochineal transmitted with your Letter of the 29th. Ultimo —

Mr. Stodart informs me, in regard the Country Languages, that he in a very weak State of health he desisted from prosecuting his Studies, & ceased in Consequence to draw the Allowance but it is his intention, having now recovered his Health, to apply himself to the Malabar language in which he hopes to be enabled in a few Mounths to make Considerable progress. —

I am
Gentlemen
Your Obedient Servant
(Signed) Wm. Harington

Dindigul
13th. September 1796 —

Sent the following to the Poligar of Veerapatchy —

What you have written respecting the Villages of Boodeporam & ca is a mistake — you say that Captain Macleod determined that Boodeporam belonged to you — And that he wrote so to Mr. Alexander Macleod — That is not true because the Letter which Captain Macleod wrote in the year Poomandaha to Mr. Alexander Macleod says that the Villages of Boodeporam & ca had,

had always belonged to the Arruvacourchy District under the Mysore Sircar not to the Viropatchy Polliam - but that because the Dendigul Tanah or Sircarpeople were in Boodiporam &ca. he have got these Villages from Tippos Dewaun for other Villages which are Sircar gave up to Tippo Sultaun in the Caveriapoor District - that therefore Boodiporam &ca. were to be considered as Sircar Villages belonging to Dindigul, - notwithstanding they had always before the year Sadaran belonged to Arruvacourchy - Perhaps your dont know that it is the same Captain Macleod who was settling the bounds of the Country which Tippos Sircar is the Gentleman of that name now one of the Committee at Dindigul -

He took at that time the Evidence of all the people that went from Dindigul who stated that under the Mysore Government Boodiporam had always belonged to Arrvacourchy -

17th. . . . . Received the following Letter from Government -

Revenue Department

To Mr. William Harington

Sir

I am directed to inform you that the Right Honble the President in Council has been pleased

pleased to appoint Mr. Thomas Bowyer Hurdis to receive charges of the District and revenues of Dindigul from you. Should therefore the result of the orders transmitted to the committee on the 9th Instant, enable you to leave Dindigul before the arrival of Mr. Hurdis you will leave orders with the assistant to make over charge to that Gentleman you will at all events direct Mr. Stodart to proceed to the Presidency as soon as he is relieved —

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servt.
(Signed) J. Webbe
Secy.

Fort St. George
10th September 1796

R. Shenor
Exr.

Sent the following Letters.

To Mr. S. R. Lushington
Secretary

Sir

You will herewith receive an order on Mr. Benjamin Roebuck for S. Pagodas 431 —

I am Sir
your obedient Servt.
(Signed) Wm. Harington

Dindigul
17th September 1796.

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P.S. Be pleased to acknowledge the receipt & acceptance of this Bill -

To Mr. John Mitford
Accountant

Sir

You will herewith receive my accounts to the 13th. July last

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servt.
(Signed) Wm. Harington

Dindigul
17th. September 1796 -

19th. . . . . Received the following Letter from the Board of Revenue -

Revenue Department

To Mr. W. Harington

Sir
(Circular) I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Advertisement in the Telinga Langua[ge] respecting the planting and Cultivation of the [...] tea to be generally distributed amongst the natives [of] your District -

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servan[t]
(Signed) [...] Washington
Secy.

Fort St. George
11th. September 1796 -
Ent. C. L. -

Received the following Letter from the Paymaster —

To William Harington Esqr.
Member of the Board of Revenue on Deputation to Dindegul —

Sir

The Troops in Madura not having Received any pay for this Month, and a part of them expecting to be ordered away immediately It would be a very great Accommodation if you could either advance now, or in three or four days 1800 Pagodas of the 5,000 which you will be able to afford me on the 1st. of October —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(signed) Robt. Hughes
Paymr.

Madura
18th. September 96 —

The above was complied with —

The following is the form of a Muchulka proposed to be taken from the Mahajanams of the Villages —

Translate of a Muchulka

We =

We, the Mahajanums, & Inhabitants of + its dependencies (meaning the small dependant Villages attached to the larger ones) belonging to the Talook of Dindigul do agree to the following Rent for Fasily 1206 that is from the 13th July 1796 to the 12th July 1797 Vizt. For the Poonja Produce - we agree to pay in money - 1000 C Chucrums

Kistbundy

25th November 1796	80	
25th December Ditto	100	
25th January 1797	150	
25th February Do.	200	
25th March Do.	150	
25th April Do.	140	
25th May Do.	100	
25th June Do.	80	1000

For Nunja, or Paddy Produce Cullums 4000

Kistbundy

	Cullums	
25th September	960	
25th February	1200	
25th March	1280	
25th June	560	4000

We bind ourselves jointly & separately-

to discharge the rent above specified

separately and at the periods prescribed in the Kistbundy – the grain to be measured in our Villages in the – presence of the Circar Servants – we are also bound to give Puttams to each individ. farmer specifying the terms of his agreement, & to report the same to the Circar on the 30th November next

If we do not punctually Discharge our Kists at the dates agreed upon in the Kistbundy we consent to be fined in the proportion of one fourth of such failure in addition to the original Sum of money, or Grain due –

This agreement is exclusive of fees – & Mauneams to Pagodas & Bramins which we shall allow according to Mamool, or any future regulation by the Circar. we further Engage not to give any new Enams, nor to make any alienations whatever on the penalty of forfeiting our Rents. —

N.B. – The Cowle to be granted by the Collector of exactly the same tenor –

22d. . . . Send the following Circular Orders

Circular to all the Poligars

Your

You are hereby informed that Tombo Gour, a refugee from Tippo's Territories is proscribed – throughout the Hon'ble Company's Districts, & you are warned not to give him Shelter, or to allow him to come into – your Pollams on the Penalty of forfeiting your Pollam –

Dindigul
22d. September 1796

Circular, to all the Poligars & Aumildars

You are hereby informed that the Charge of this District is now delivered over by – me to Mr. Hurdis, & you are directed to obey all orders from him as the Company's Circar –

Dindigul
22d. September 1796 –

The Complaints which have daily come before Mr. Harington, particularly of Robberies in the Cavelly of the Poligars, being very numerous, it became impossible to keep a regular Record of them & at the same time attend to the laborious business of the Committee – which will account for the Diary

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not affording Information on this Subject - but it may be necessary to notice some particular decisions which have passed - Vizt. -

On the 27th June it is recorded that one Soobramanya Chitty Complained of his Brother having been plundered in the Yerracotah Polam - The Petition having been referred to arbitration, & the Vackeel having bound himselves on the part of the Poligar to abide by the award, it was determined that the outrage had been Committed, and that the Poligar should be made answerable to the Complainant, or Sufferer for P. N. Pagodas 1276. - Chucrums 534 . 4 . 10 - but this award has not been yet enforced as the Poligar is in arrear on account of his Peshcash -

On the same day a Letter from Lieut. Oliphant is recorded - being on behalf of some Merchants who had been plundered by the late Poligar of Yergadoo - It was intended to have questioned the Poligar on the Subject when he attended at Dindigul, having been Summoned by the Committee, but not having Complied with the Summons sent him, & having fled in -

Consequence

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consequence of being dispossessed, the Complaint could not be enquired into –

One Anunta Chitty having Complained that he was flogged by Sawmy Moodely (Colonel Cuppages Servant –) the Subject was investigated, & the offence having been ascertained Sawmy Moodely was fined 50 Chucrums, which was to have been paid to Anunta Chitty: but having been detected in a Culpable falsehood in regard to a Balance due from him on account of Customs for Grain passed in his name he was fined 20 Chs. & the residence of the above mentioned 50 Chs. was applied in part Discharge of the Balance in question all of which was fully explained to him in public Cutchery

A Petition was received from two Merchants Sultan Rowaten & Isamal Roweten Complaining that the Phouzdar of Coimbatore had intercepted 100 Bullock-loads of Bettle nuts coming on their account into this District – that Isamal Rowsten had been also detained by him, but was released on the payment of 2000 Rupees had been paid to the Phouzdar on the promise of the Bettle Nuts being also given up but that this promise was not performed, & that the

Phouzdar –

Phouzdar had assigned as the Reason, that he must refer the Subject to Tippo —

This Petition having been presented to the Committee was by them - Submitted to Government under date the 8th September 1796 - for the purpose of being referred to Tippo, should it be deemed necessary by his Lordship —

When Mr Harington arrived at Dindigul one Peroomaun, a washerman belonging to Cumbum, was in Confinement here - Having been examined on the Subject noticed in Mr Stodart's report of the 7th June, & his Declaration corresponding with what he deposed before that Gentleman at Cumbum he was Dismissed —

October 21 . . . . Received the following letter from Lieut. Colonel Oliver —

T. B. Hurdis Esqr.

Collector &c. &c.

Sir

I have the honor to acquaint you that in obedience to the orders of Government of the 12th Instant, I intend to march to Dindigul on Monday the 24th with the two Companys of my Battalion, leaving a Jamadar's Guard at this Station. —

I have the honor to be

Sir your obedient humble Servt.

(Signed) James Oliver

Lieut. Colo. Command.

Pylney

October 20th 1796

Edward Saunders Esqr.

President & ca. Members of the

Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

Before leaving Dindigul, I think it proper to Advise you of the Circumstances which have taken Place since my Arrival. —

Mr. Wynch made over charge of the Collections to me on the 25th June, when, by his "account Demand, Collection, and Balance" of the same date, the Outstanding Balances were, as stated in the Accompanying Account A to which I have annexed the Collections in part thereof to the 23d. Instant, when I transferred the charge of the District to Mr. Hurdis appointed by Government. —

In explanation of the Balance Outstanding at the above date I have annexed also to the same account, notes of the Parties from whom it is due as well as of the probability, or otherwise of its recovery. —

All the Poligars attended at Dindigul with the =

the Exception of Cundub Magum Naique of Guntup ~ naignoor, and Vella Condum naique of Yerreadoo - the former was excused from his being Dumb, and having ~ been represented altogether as an object of Compassion; - the latter having declined compliance with repeated Summons, ~ and even refused admittance to the Circar Peons within his Barriers, it was found necessary to recommend to Govern- ment that he should be dispossessed, as a public Example, and his Pollam declared to have been forfeited for ever to the Honble Company Copies of the Committee's Letter to the

Vide No. 1 & 2 Right Honble the Governor in council, and of the orders in consequence are transmitted here with for your Particular In- formation. The Detachment proceeded against the Poligar on the 17th August in the Evening and on the next morning ~ took possession of the Pollam without resistance, the Poligar, and his Predaunee having contrived previously to make ~

Vide No. 3 their Escape: - a Proclamation, of which a Copy is Enclosed, was immediately made in the Pollam notifying the causes of this Procedure, and Copies were Circulated for the informa- tion of the Poligars in General. —

The Balance due by this Poligar S. Pagodas 3436.20.46. is of course irrecoverable from him, but his Pollam, under proper management, will very soon indem- nify

indemnify the Company for this deficiency - its Computed value, -
when well populated and Cultivated is from 16 to 18000 C. Chuckrums
℔ annum but it has been so much on the decline under the -
Oppressive Government of the late Poligar that I do not expect it
will yield this year more than from 10 to 12000 C Chuckrums. - My
object has been to make a Village Settlement for the Current -
Fusly aswell in this as in the other Pollams under Management
Vizt. Pylney Sochumputty. Madoor & Sundayoor, & I have reas
to believe that there will be no difficulty in effecting this desired
object, the Head Inhabitants having, I understand, expressed -
their readiness to engage for an adequate assessment in money -
grain, to be Collected immediately from themselves by the Circar,
but from the report I have had of the State of the Sundayoor
District I apprehend the Collections will be very inferior to
its former value; I understand, however, that the Ryots are
returning, and that it is expected the Cultivation will gradually
increase. —

It will appear from the Accompanying
account (A) that the Balances due by the Renters on the 12th
July, the close of the Fusly year, were very heavy - in conseque
I Summoned all the Parties to Dindigul, desiring them to
bring their Sunneds with them, and warning them that if
their Arrears were not forthwith discharged I should resume
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their Farms - I waited till the 13th August - one month after the close of the Fusly, before I carried into effect this resolution; no Satisfactory reasons having been assigned for the Balances then outstanding being about 26 ⅌ Cent of their nett Rent - for the year, I sequestered the farms of all those from whom they were due, at the same time giving Orders to secure all the Grain in their respective Villages together with their other property, and I apprehend the proceeds will liquidate about - half of the Arrears. -

Of these Villages I have let out the - head Inhabitants for the Current Fusly - Battlegoonta, Gengawarputty, and Chinamputty - the parties in each Villages binding themselves to be jointly, & Seperately answerable for the Rent agreed upon; the two former at about 20, & the latter 23 ⅌ Cent on the rates the late Renters had engaged to pay for the present Fusly, by the five years Settlement: - A - B&C Comparative Statement accompanies, together with drafts of the muchelka; I was induced to conclude these Settlements as a commencement of the general adoption of the same Principle, which it has been so much the wish of Government & of your Board to see Established - and which I trust will be completely introduced in this District in the course of the year - but it cannot be expected that the terms will be so favorable at present:

present, as on the ensuing Settlement, which I would recom=
mend to be on a Lease for three, or five years: The cause of this
difference arises from the Comparative State of Population, many --
of the Inhabitants having deserted to the Pollams owing to the
oppression of the late Renters, and under the change of System
it is most probable the whole, or the greater part of them will
return to the Circar lands in the course of the Current Fusly. —

It appearing from the Information given by the Curnums that all the Renters had neglected that essential part of their Mutchelkas, which provided for Pottahs being granted to their under Tenants as the means of Security, and that some had, contrary to their Muchelkas, alienated Enams; I gave orders for resuming all the remaining Farms till the pleasure of Government shall be known, whether, under the above Violation of their Engagements they are to be considered to have forfieted their Rents, & I have given directions for carrying on the Cultivation in the interim, as usual - This Subject formed part of the Committee's Revenue Report to the Right Hon'ble the Governor in Council; - Having found also from the Curnums Accounts, that very considerable Alienations under the denomination of Enam had been made in the Circar Lands in general since the Capture of the District in 1790, I ordered all of them to be immediately resumed; and this likewise formed part of the Committee's=

Committees Revenue Report of Government. —

When Appaqu Gounden, Poligar of Combay, attended at Dindigul I required his immediate Surrender of the Village of Haramantaputty, and of the Revenue he Collected from it in the last Fusly:- To this requisition he readily acceded - the Village was in consequence taken possession of by the Aumildar, and the amount of the last years Collections, as determined by enquiry on the Spot, being Chuchrums 1277. 3 or S. Pagodas 729. 39. 69. was taken from his Deposit of 3,000 Chuchrums in the Treasury, and carried to the Company's Credit; his Peshcush for Fusly 1205 was also deducted from the same deposite, and the residue then restored to him. ——

Appaugee Gounden took this occasion to be very urgent with me for the watching Fees of Cumbum, Goodalore, and Hanamantaputty, which he had in part enjoyed in the preceding Fusly supporting his claim by observing, that to be made the only exception to the enjoyment of this Privelege would be a Singular Hardship on him - The Committee having resolved to recommend a General resumption of all the Cavelly fees held by the Poligars, and adverting to the unprotected State of the Villages abovementioned, which would be exposed to distur- bances

disturbances from his Pollam, in an indirect manner, if the fees were denied him; I thought it the best Policy to allow him to collect them, for the present, explaining, however, to him in express terms that this indulgence was only allowed him till the pleasure of Government should be known.—

By the Accounts I have received from the Amildar of Cumbum &ca there may be reasonably expected a material Increase of Revenue in those Villages,— on a Settlement with the Head Inhabitants, and in order to extend the Cultivation I have authorized the expenditure of Chuckrums 1300. At this advanced Season of the year no time was to be lost, and I am led to believe from the Information I have obtained on the Subject, that the first year's increased Produce will reimburse the whole amount.—

Vide Statement D

The Village of Pellinnattum (including Poodaputty, Peelaputty, and Aliamartaputty, have been let to the Head Inhabitants this year for 1600 Chuckt., which may be considered a very favorable Rent for the Current Fusly—

Vide Statement B

As an experiment to discover what might be the computed value of the Circar Customs I was induced to invite Proposals of Rent for the Current year, and after some time I received offers to the amount of Chuckrums 5266 which

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I took upon me to accept, and to grant Cowles it being an - object that some immediate Settlement should be made of this Branch of the public Revenues; - This Rent exceeds the Nett - Revenue of the last Eighteen Months, though not so favorable as might have been expected under different Circumstances; - Under Aumanee Individuals found means of obtaining - from the Monigar certain Previleges, and excemtions which gave them that Advantage in the market as to approach a monopoly. - I thought it adviseable to devide the Customs into five Farms, thereby Establishing separate Interests as the best means of obviating Collusion and failure, I have also let out the Customs of Pylnee for the Current year for 1700 Chuck^s. which is deemed high, and compared with the Collections under Aumanee is very advantageous; - My - Chief motive for this measure was, to relieve the Aumildar from the detailed Collection this Fusly that his whole attention may be given to the Village Settlement, which will of course - require more time, and application on its first Introduction than at any Subsequent period, when the Inhabitants become sensible of the advantages they will derive from this System - These reasons will, I trust, reconcile the temporary deviation from the General Principle you have adopted in regard to

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the Collection of Customs. —

In consequence of your orders under date the 19th July, Sunnuds for the Current years Peshcush have been issued to nearly all the Polligars; - having made the discharge of all arrears the condition of receiving a new Sunnud, the following against whom Balances are yet Outstanding, are Exceptions Vizt. of Nellacotah, Deodanaputty, Pulliapanaignoor, Yeracotah, Ammetera, and Aminaignoor, —

Having tried every possible means to induce these Polligars to discharge their Arrears for last year, without effect, and as they have persisted in withholding the dues of the Circar, I am of opinion that an immediate Example should be made of Golup naigue, and Powzary naigue, the Poligars of the two first named Pollams, whose conduct has been particularly exceptionable not only in withholding their Kists, but from the frequent Robberies in their Pollams, or Cawelly - Some early Day might be fixed for the discharge of their Arrears, and if they failed I would recommend that discretionary orders should be sent to the Collector to dispossess them of their Pollams, Proclaiming the same throughout the District as forfeited for ever, in consequence of their refractory Conduct The Poligars of Yerracotah & Mamberra

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had Promised the immediate liquidation of their Balances; and if the above Examples were made I think the Pulliapanaignoor Polligar, would complete his Payments. —

Vide Statement E

I transmit accompanying the Summabundy, and Kistbundy of the Poligars for the Current year. It will thereby appear that the Poligar of Veerapatchy, tho' he has liquidated his Peshcush for last has not granted his mutchelka for the Current Fusly the cause of which is that I explained it was not to include Poodeporam, and 21 dependant Villages, which the Committee had recommended to Government to resume as having been ascertained to belonging to the Circar, and which were assumed by him a few years ago. —

I was directed by your orders of the 23d June to issue Sunneds to moodie Vencata naigue, and Condia naigue, as the Successors appointed by Government to the Vacant Pollams of Iagoody, and Aminaignoor; having Summoned both for this purpose they were apprized that when they discharged the Peshcush due on account of their Pollams for the last Fusly the orders of Government would be Carried into effect, but I was interrupted by a nother Clarimant, asserting his prior Pretensions to the Iyagoody Pollam: an Enquiry in consequence took place in the presence of both Parties, and the right of the latter, named Holeeah, was so clearly demonstrated that

that Moodie Vencata Naigue as well as the Predaunee, & Vackeel readily Acknowledged it - I had therefore no hesitation in transferring the Offer of the Sunned to Kobiah, as the legal Successor, on the same condition as above mentioned, and the Peshcush due having been shortly after paid, the Sunned was issued to him on his signing the prescribed Mutchelka. —

Condia Naigue completed the Payment of the Balance due from Aminaignoor on account of Dindigul just before my departure, but not for Madura, alledging that the Cawelly fees were not Collected by him. In consequence his Sunned is withheld, and from the dilatoriness he has shewn in this respect, as well as from the Robberries in that Pollam having been so very frequent since my Arrival in the District, as to be a great public evil, the high road to Madura leading through it, I am inclined to think that he has forfeited all Claim to the Pollam, and that it would be politic either to resume it entirely, or to confer it on the next legal Heir, tho' I should rather prefer the former measure, as the latter might give rise to disturbances between the Parties and as it is of consequence to commerce, as well as to Individual Passengers that the Communication with Madura through this Channel should be rendered Safe, & free from Interruption. —

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When the Polegars of the resumed Pollams — Madoor, and Sochumpatty, attended at Dindigul, I took occasion to question them regarding their means for discharging the large accumulated Arrears standing against them, and gave them reason to expect their Pollams would be restored if they could make any Proposals which might be deemed eligible, but they were all so very unsatisfactory that I had no hesitation in declaring them inadmissible.—

This report renders it unnecessary to make any specific Reply to your Letter of the 23.d & 28.th June.—

As the Revenue Report of the Committee to Government, contains a great deal of Information regarding the State, and resources of this District, and as I conclude it will be laid before the Revenue Board, it would be Superfluous to enter upon the Subject in this address — I have established such Arrangements for the Superintendance, and management of the District as, I think, will be attended with good consequences to Revenue.—

It was my Intention to have forwarded this Report from Dindigul, but it has been delayed to this date inconsequence of my Indisposition which has made it necessary for me to proceed to the Sea Coast for my Health.

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I am,

Cuddalore
30th. September 1796
Exd. W.Wright

Gentlemen,
Your very Obedient Servant
(Signed) William Harington

29th - - - - - - Received the following Letter from Goverment. -

Public Department

To Mr. Thos. Bowyer Hurdis
acting Collector in the
Dindigul District

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble. the President in Council to desire that you will cease to make any farther advances to the Commercial residents in your neighbourhood and that after providing for the necessary military and revenue disbursments in your District you will hold the balance of Cash at the disposal of Government should any Opportunities of Remitting to the Presidency by safe bills occur you will avail yourself of them from time to time to remit any balance that may be in your hands to the Treasury. —

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I am
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) J. Webbe Secretary

Fort St. George
22 October 1796
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Esqr.

November 4th. - - - - - Sent the following Letter to Colonel Cuppage.

Colonel Cuppage
&ca. &ca.
Dindigul

Sir

As there is now no appearance of any Disturbance likely likely to happen in yerendoo Pollam I do not think it necessary to keep the Guard there any longer I beg the favor of you to issue an order for their being withdrawn

I have the Honor to be
&ca. &ca.
Dindigul
4th. November 1796 } (Signed) Thos. BowyerHurdis
C.. C..

5th. - - - - - Sent the following Letter to Mr. J. Webbe -

J. Webbe Esqr.
Secretary in the
Civil Department
&ca. &ca.

Sir -

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting Estimate of probable receipts & disbursements for the Current Month. —

I am
Sir
Your very Obedient Servant
T. B. Hurdis
A. C.

Dindigul ....
5th November 1796

Sent the following Letter to Mr S. R. Lushington. —

S. R. Lushington Esqr.
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

Sir

I herewith enclose duplicate of Estimate of probable receipts and disbursments for the Current Month returns of the troops on revenue Service & register of Bills transmitted during October 1796/7. —

I am Sir,
Your very Obedient Servant
(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
A. C.

Dindigul ....
November 5th 1796

6th ..... Received the following Letter from the Revenue Accountant

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